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News in brief

Two re-appointed to board

Romulus City Council members approved two re-appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals recently.

Emery Long and John Clark will serve as alternate members of the board for three and two years, respectively. Alternate board members fill in for regular members to be sure companies and individuals asking for a variance to existing zoning receive a full hearing.

Business license transferred

Romulus City Council members agreed to allow two bar owners to transfer an existing Class C and SDM license with a dance permit to the Kickstand Bar & Grill.

Dale Justice and Carl Brooks sought the license Monday night. An investigation by the Romulus Police Department indicated that the two men had not previously owned a bar, and therefore did not have any Liquor Control Commission violations.

The Kickstand Bar & Grill is located at 30747 Eureka Road.

Airport worker accused of luggage theft

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has charged a 30-year-old Westland resident with stealing luggage.

William Joseph Moner was arrested by Wayne County Airport Police May 10, according to the prosecutor's office. Moner - who scanned and tagged luggage at the McNamara Terminal - was observed on a security camera allegedly removing a Sony Digital Camera from a suitcase and placing it in his personal backpack. He was employed by Prospect Airport Services.

Moner is charged with three counts of larceny in a building, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. He was charged at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

Airport announces new flights

Detroit-area travelers already plotting their escape from the cold next winter will have two new flight options. Beginning the week of Dec. 20, USA3000 will offer new, non-stop weekly flights from Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) to Cozumel, Mexico, and to Montego Bay, Jamaica.

"The addition of new international flights is always exciting, as it means more options and lower fares for travelers," said Lester Robinson, Wayne County Airport Authority CEO.

The new flights supplement existing USA3000 service from DTW to Cancun and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; and Ft. Myers, Florida. The new flights to Cozumel will operate on Saturdays during the winter season, while the Montego Bay flights will operate on Mondays.

Seats on the new USA3000 flights are for sale on the airline Web site, www.USA3000.com.

— News briefs are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.



Special visitors

Last week, two second-grade classes from Barth Elementary School made a special trip to Romulus City Hall, where they were shown the various departments that make the city work. City employees explained the workings of each particular department. The students were especially excited to see the Mayor Alan Lambert's (shown here with the students) office, where he answered some of their questions. Teachers Lauren Withey, Becky Montroy and Amanda Shattuck sponsored the student trip.

City hires bankruptcy counsel

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Bankruptcy claims filed by Romulus businesses have increased so much in the last year that city council members have voted to hire private legal counselors to help collect money owed to the city.

Romulus City Council members recently approved the hiring of law firm Allard & Fish to represent the city in cases where property taxes or other funds are owed to the city.

Mayor Alan Lambert called the decision to hire the firm a necessary move, and also a dis-

mal sign of the times.

"There are several cases where businesses have filed for bankruptcy to avoid paying us money that is owed to us," he said. "There are also situations where we have given (the companies) abatements, and obviously we, want to collect any money that is owed to us."

In the past, the city saw few bankruptcy cases in which they had a stake. City Attorney Barry Seifman would typically handle these cases.

"Hiring the firm was the right thing to do at this time," Lambert said. "We're in an environment where we have to go after any

dollar we can."

The statewide economy, which is saddled with the highest unemployment in the country and a glut of mortgage and tax foreclosures, has taken a toll on Romulus.

In the past year, two manufacturers have closed, eliminating more than 700 jobs, and about 600 homes in the city are in some stage of foreclosure, according to RealtyTrac, a clearing house which tracks such data.

In most bankruptcy claims, individuals are asked to pay back some creditors, which must get in

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Romulus student will attend Chicago college

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.

At least that's the philosophy two Romulus Lady Eagle basketball players are following this fall

right away I put them on my list," said Kimberly McCartha, the interim head coach at Robert Morris College. "Cristina is quick point guard that can run the team. She is tenacious on defense and is a good leader. Christine is a hard worker, also. She can shoot it and

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I saw both of them play in a tournament in September and right away I put them on my list.

Kimberly McCartha

when they trade in their maroon and white uniforms for, well, the maroon and white threads of the Robert Morris College Eagles in Chicago, IL.

Cristina Barnett and Christine Wells both signed their National Letters of Intent to play at the college on full athletic scholarships last week at Romulus high school.

"I saw both of them play in a tournament in September and

I can always use a shooter. Plus, they work really well together."

McCartha sent letters to both athletes' homes after the tournament but didn't expect to hear from both of them.

"I wasn't looking for a deal (to get both of them), it just kind of happened that way," she said.

McCartha was without a point guard after the 2007-08 season ended, making Barnett an attrac-



Romulus basketball duo Cristina Barnett, left, and Christine Wells signed their letters of intent to play ball at Robert Morris College in Chicago, IL.

Photo by Jeff Novak

tive addition to the team. Barnett was Romulus' floor general under the guidance of first-year coach Yvette Harris.

She averaged 10 points and nine assists per game and lead her team to a district championship and to the regional championship final in her senior year.

"It's real important that she comes in and works real hard and ready to step in," McCartha said after choosing to sign Barnett over a junior college transfer for the final roster spot. "I'd rather work with a freshman for four years than a someone from a junior col-

lege for two. I need her to step up right now."

Wells has a chance to see some time early on in her college career, too, if she comes in and works hard and proves herself, according to McCartha.

Wells is a big-time shooter, averaging 14 points a game at Romulus last season and was a standout on the defense, according to Harris.

"I'm really excited for them," Harris said. "As a coach you want to see your kids advance to the

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Ride on

Former chamber director to be parade marshal

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival will honor one outstanding person during the parade this year. The parade leads off the annual festival at 11 a.m. on June 14.

Janet Millard of Ypsilanti Township will be the grand marshal of the 2008 Strawberry Festival Parade. She will be recognized for her many years as the executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and her service in the community.

"She'll be honored for her almost 20 years of service and all her work in Belleville," said Joan Bodnar, executive director of the festival.

Millard, 65, retired from her

She'll be honored for her almost 20 years of service and all her work in Belleville.

Joan Bodnar

chamber position last March. She started at the chamber in May of 1989 and, as the former 'one-person' office manager, she worked as the volunteer coordinator, event planner and customer service spokesperson for the Belleville area chamber.

Resident Chesley Odom will drive Millard in the parade, which she said she's pleased about.

"I won't have to walk the parade

this year," Millard said jokingly.

She said she was shocked when she found out she was the grand marshal this year.

"I didn't expect it and actually I was embarrassed because they told me during the meeting," she said. "I was also the grand marshal in the Sumpter Country Festival parade, which was fun, so it's nice to be in both and not have to work. I can just sit back and enjoy the

fun."

Parade Coordinator Tina Brooks Green said the committee felt Millard was the appropriate representative for the 2008 festival.

"She's been very dedicated and committed to Belleville, including the festival for years so it's a well-deserved honor," said Brooks Green.

The parade will include floats, musical entertainment, clowns, area politicians and organizations and more, Brooks Green said.

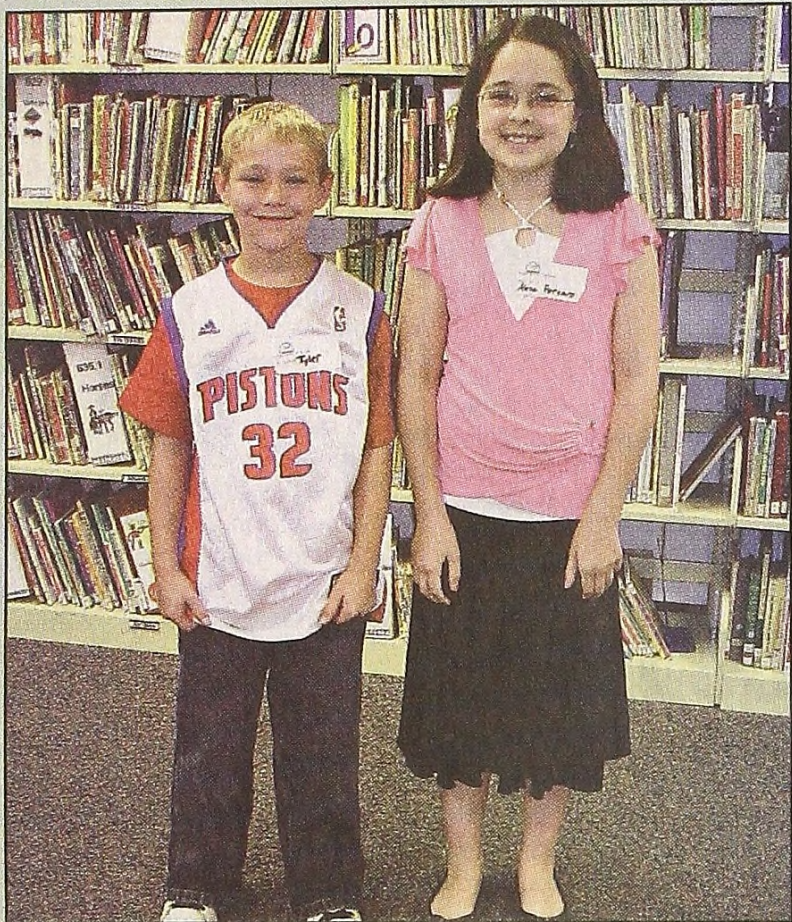
"Last year we had more than 100 entries so hopefully we'll have the same this year," she said. "We're trying to get the crowds out to make it a success."

The Rotary pancake breakfast will also take place from 8-11 a.m. at Belleville High School prior to the parade. For more information,



Janet Millard

visit the strawberry festival website at www.nationalstrawberryfest.com or call (734) 697-3137.



Letter perfect

Alexa Porcaro (pictured with Tyler Barlow) won the title of "Top Elementary School Speller in the District" recently for spelling the word "private" correctly. Porcaro, a fifth grade student at Tyler Elementary School, won a \$25 gift certificate from Meijer and a thesaurus. Each individual building champion won a dictionary and include: Synai Bartholomew at Haggerty school, Marcela Serrano at Edgemont school, Barlow at Savage school and Erin Douglas at Elwell school. Twenty-four students represented the six elementary schools in the district spelling bee. This year, spellers were subjected to a more than two-hour contest where only one student could place first. Judges were Ginger Bruder, owner of Bruder's Landscape, and Diana Campbell, Belleville resident and secretary at Haggerty school. Hostess and pronouncer was Karen Mida, principal at Edgemont Elementary.

Annual car show in gear for Strawberry Festival

Andrew Kirby
Staff Writer

Cinnamon's Fathers Day car show is expected to dazzle Belleville residents once again.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to University of Michigan cancer research in honor of Mowell Cinnamon.

More than 30 trophies are to be awarded including Best in Show and the Choice Award. Online pre-registration is \$10, but cars may also be registered the day of competition for \$15.

Registration will take place from 5 until 7 a.m. June 15 in the Meijer parking lot at 9701 Belleville Road. The competition will begin in Victory Park at 7 a.m. and awards will be announced at 3 p.m.

All cars are welcome, and the two top winners will be featured on the t-shirt for the competition next year.

Victory Park has a children's playground and a train is available to take visitors to the rest of the festival.

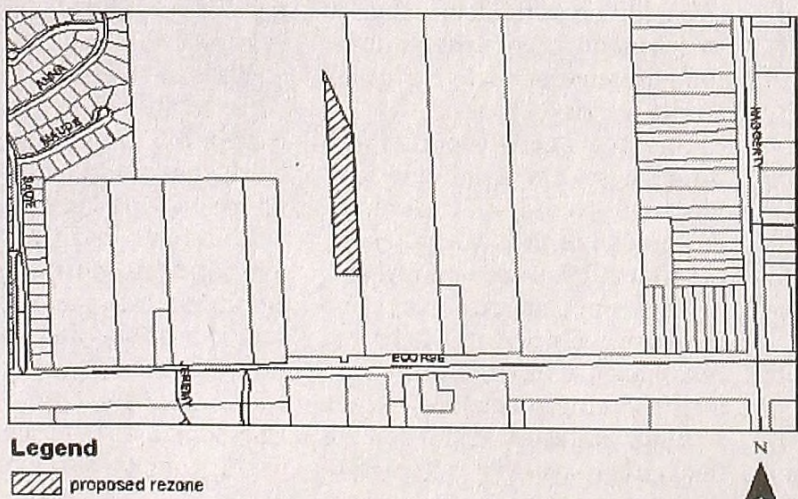
For more information go to www.myspace.com/annualfathersdaycarshow.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday June 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

A portion of parcel number V125-83-006-99-0006-702 approximately 3.78 acres, proposed to be rezoned from R1-B Single Family Residential to M-1 Light Industrial.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the North side of Ecorse Road between Morton Taylor Road and Haggerty Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of June 25, 2008.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Seeking Housing Rehabilitation Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for Housing Rehabilitation through the Community Development Block Grant Program on parcel number V125-83-056-01-0062-000 also known as 41687 McBride Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bid forms and work specifications are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, June 19, 2008 and should be submitted to the Clerks office. The bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 pm June 19, 2008. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid, is an equal opportunity employer. If you have any questions please contact Development Services, Pat at (734) 699-8913

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Cleaning up

Wick Elementary sixth grader students and their teacher, Tom Gibb-Randall, helped make the Romulus Senior Center look better during the annual city Clean Sweep. The students planted flowers and cleaned up the area to make the space more enjoyable for older adults. The students and their teacher are thanked by Mayor Alan Lambert.

Jazz festival returns to Inkster

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Inkster Jazz Fest will cost the city about \$63,000 to organize and manage next month, according to city estimates.

The combined Jazz Festival and Summerfest – which will now be a singular event on July 12 – is the largest city-sponsored event in Inkster. However, some Inkster officials questioned the amount to be spent and how city officials made the determination to set aside \$63,000 for the event in the next budget.

The Summerfest – which has taken place for many years – is typically allocated money from the general fund to pay for entertainment, security, supplies, and a stage, among many necessary expendi-

tures.

During the past several years, the Summerfest budget has jumped from \$12,000 to about \$18,000, and this year, the cost would have been \$25,000 had the event not been combined with the jazz festival, said City Manager Joyce Parker.

“The cost is not that much different than it was last year (when the events were separate),” she said.

The Jazz Festival was introduced by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) last summer. The festival, which was well-attended in its first year despite having to move to Inkster High School because of rain, was created to provide recreational opportunities for residents and to bring positive attention to the com-

munity, officials said.

The DDA funds used to pay for the event were approved by the DDA members, which means the issue never came before the council for approval, said Parker.

Still, some council members the expenditure was too much.

“It’s just a lot of money,” said Councilman Tim Williams.

The two events were combined to create a better produced event, and the focus of the festival has shifted from recreation to music, according to city officials.

This year, the fair will be excluded in favor of bouncers for children. Parker said there were numerous complaints about the condition of equipment at last year’s fair, and the Summerfest Committee decided to forgo that aspect of the festival.

Casino

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The process of building a casino in Romulus progressed earlier this year when the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee advanced a bill that would allow the land claim by the Indian tribe to build a casino on land not deemed a reservation.

A delegation of Romulus casino supporters testified about the economic development aspects of a casino Feb. 5 in front of the House Natural Resources Committee.

Several speakers, including Lambert, testified about the casinos as a spur for economic growth in Michigan. Supporters who back the plan include Dingell, who spoke at the hearing, and several others who sent letters up support, including Sen. Carl Levin and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Officials from Detroit, including Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Detroit), testified against the measure because they believe a casino 17 miles outside of the city will cut into the dedicated revenue stream Detroit currently received from three casinos.

A casino development would bring at least one 200-room hotel and an additional restaurant and service businesses to cater to gamblers and travelers on site at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Estimates indicate such a project would bring about 3,000 jobs to Wayne County and would provide a dedicated revenue stream of \$4 to \$10 million annually.

The most important piece of the puzzle is job creation, Lambert said.

“We want to get started as soon as possible,” he said. “We need to get people back to work.”

Lambert said the city would

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Alan Lambert

fast-track the development through the planning commission as soon as the approval is secured, if the measure makes it through the Senate.

Voters approved the pursuit of a city casino after a special election in December 2003.

Lawyers

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line in court proceedings. Lambert said that the prospect of being owed money is one that cannot perpetuate itself in the city because the tax money pays for essential services like, police, fire and public works.

The city was unable to provide an exact number of bankruptcies Allard & Fish will handle, but did estimate that there are several such situations.

Allard & Fish will only handle bankruptcies filed by businesses. Business and personal bankruptcy is becoming a bigger issue in Romulus, and in Michigan as a whole.

The number of non-business bankruptcy filings in Michigan has increased from 32,746 filings in 2006 to 44,996 in 2007, according to numbers obtained by the Alexandria, Va.-based American Bankruptcy Institute.

The law firm will be paid \$175 per hour for their work on bankruptcy cases, according to the

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contract approved by the city council members.

Teammate

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next level and to continue to have opportunities. So I’m just thrilled for them. They are two very hard-working young ladies.”

Both players plan on majoring in business. Wells wants to one day run her own restaurant.

“I feel real good and I’m excited to play,” she said about heading to Robert Morris. “It’s just another step closer to doing what I want to do in life. I think Robert

Morris offers more programs like the career services than a lot of other colleges do and I think that will help me a lot.”

She also said that if an opportunity arises to play basketball after college she’d definitely take it.

Barnett hopes to open a community recreation center with her business degree unless the WNBA comes calling.

“I’m excited because I get to go to school and play basketball and hopefully move on to the next level,” she said. “I get to still be an Eagle. I don’t have to change. I’ll

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I feel real good and I’m excited to play. It’s just another step closer to doing what I want to do in life.

Christine Wells

be an Eagle for life and always remember my hometown.”

Belleville rubbish rates spike

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville residents will see an increase in their rubbish fees, but not the city water and sewer rates.

Officials approved a 20 percent rubbish fee increase on Monday, something that hasn’t been increased in four years, according to Keith Boc, director of the department of public services.

“The city has been subsidizing the rubbish fee and we’ve had an increase each year,” he said. “In

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Keith Boc

our ordinance it states we require the fee be distributed through the customers.”

Currently, the quarterly rubbish bill is \$33 bringing it to about \$39.76 with the proposed increase. Monthly, it would increase from \$11 to about \$13.25. The increase is due to the contract between the Republic Waste Services and the city, according to officials.

Council members did not approve a proposed rate increase to the water and sewer rates, though. It was denied by a 3-2 vote, with councilmembers Brian Blackburn, George Chedraue and James Shrove all voting ‘no.’

Boc said after a recent council meeting that water and sewer rates were discussed and would be determined as the city moved forward with the budget process.

The proposed figures for water include: expenditures of about \$553,261 and revenues of about \$9,550, which leaves about \$543,711 of revenue necessary to break even before the reserves. The repair and maintenance reserves are about \$72,500, which includes monies for anticipated repairs, like water main breaks and sewer repairs. Revenue is estimated at about \$616,211, minus the fixed charges of \$28,539, which would leave \$587,672. In a projected use of about 113,190,000 gallons, the actual rate would come out to \$5.19 from the current rate of \$4.27, according to officials.

“Of course consumption varies, depending on the size of family, etc.,” said Boc.

The proposed figures for sewer include: expenditures of \$562,847 and revenues of \$9,550, which leaves about \$553,297 necessary to break even before the reserves. The repair and maintenance reserves are \$88,500 and revenue generated is estimated at \$641,797 minus the fixed charges of \$28,539, which would leave \$613,258 of revenue generated by the sewer rate. In a projected use of about 112,560,000 gallons, the actual rate would come out to \$5.45 from the current rate of \$4.39, according to officials.

In total, the proposed increase would have been about 22.86 percent on the bill generating on average about \$106.93 more, officials said.

Resident Mike Renaud suggested city officials go back to the budget and start tasking line item by line item.

“Instead of making the hard decisions you just went with the flow,” he said. That’s not good enough.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club in full swing

The Romulus Public Library is hosting a monthly book club.

The book club will take place on the second Monday of each month from 7-8:15 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Book discussions are free and open to all age 18 and up. Participants need not register in advance.

The library will have copies of the books, or staff members will assist readers in getting an inter-library loan copy.

The remaining books that will be discussed include: The Time Traveler’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger, on June 9; A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L’Engle on July 14 and Pontoon - A Novel of Lake Wobegon by Garrison Keillor.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection set

The Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday at Romulus City Hall.

Example of acceptable items are: household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care product, carpet cleaner, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries.

Romulus City Hall is located at 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, please contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Flea market takes off

The Romulus Historical Society annual Flea Market will take place from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. June 21 at the Romulus Historical Park, located next to the post office.

Proceeds from the sales of spaces will benefit activities that take place year-round at the Historical Park.

Vendors are still needed to help make the event a success.

Vendor spaces cost \$15. All participants must provide their own tables.

Food and refreshments will be available.

For more information please contact Gloria Chandler at (734) 941-2678.

Golf outing on tap

The Mayor’s Drug Task Force Golf Outing will take place Friday, July 11.

The Mayor’s Drug Task Force is a non-profit organization comprised of business and civic leaders. Together, they have accepted the ongoing mission to keep our community drug-free and children safe from the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The outing will take place at the Gateway Golf Club, located at 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus. The event will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start followed by lunch at the turn and dinner.

Those interested in joining the event, or who need more information, are asked to call Kristin Irwin at (734) 955-4123.

— Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen. To publish an event, send an e-mail to mtippen@journalgroup.com.

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OPINION

Citizens pay high price for court-imposed silence

This will be an interesting week for residents and officials in western Wayne County.

There are two planned proceedings that could determine the fate of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property, a 414-acre swath of land that has been the cause for much speculation and litigation.

Township officials will meet in a closed session to discuss a compromise in one of the ongoing lawsuits between the township and developer, a partnership between Real Estate Interests, Inc and Schostack Brothers Construction.

On Friday, a judge could decide whether the security guards—or security families, or whatever you want to call them—placed on the site have voting rights or if they have a right to continue living there, since township officials claim they were installed under false pretenses.

A lot of things could happen in the coming week. Township officials could bow to the pressure of the developer and allow something that would negatively impact the community to take place. It would spare residents of the expense of ongoing litigation, but probably make things worse for them in the long run.

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The sad thing about this whole situation is that in any of these scenarios, residents of Northville Township—and probably Plymouth and Livonia, as well—will end up on the short side of the stick.

Township officials could stick to their guns, hoping for a successful outcome on Friday. If neither of those things happen, they face an annexation vote on Aug. 5 in which they will have absolutely no say.

The sad thing about this whole situation is that in any of these scenarios, residents of Northville Township—and probably Plymouth and Livonia, as well—will end up on the short side of the stick.

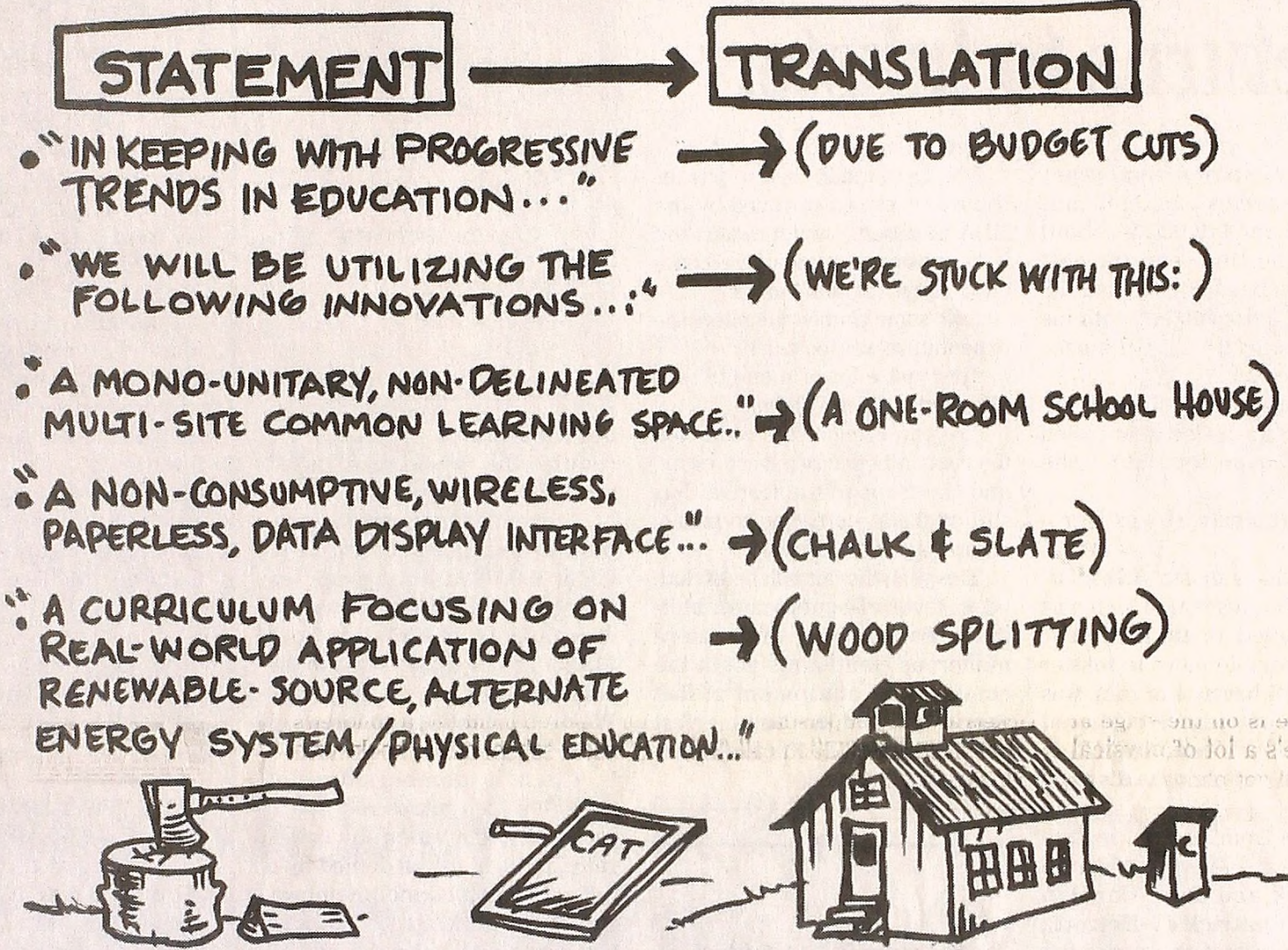
Because they won't really know what they're up against.

The judge overseeing the litigation has asked both sides not to talk about it. Both sides get twitchy if you even ask if there's an upcoming meeting because they are unsure if they should say 'yes' or 'no.'

Granted, conversation about pending litigation isn't free-flowing in the best of days, but in this case, township residents need to know more than what they can access now. They don't know if their officials are being reasonable or not. They don't know if they're asking too much, or willing to give in to too little. They don't know if there's going to be a small commercial component on the corner.

Residents of Livonia, at the same time, may have to vote on the issue, not knowing if something the size of 12 Oaks will go in there—effectively wiping out the existing Laurel Place Place Mall about a mile away.

Ultimately, this is a case about property rights and local control; whether a developer has the capability of ignoring local ordinances and forcing its will on a community or if elected officials can effectively do their job. If things continue to go like this, it looks like it will be resolved by people who have no stake in the game. How sad and un-American.



Mayor's plan is example for area

There were plenty of positive things to come out of Mayor Bill Wild's State of the City address in Westland.

Wild, a businessman turned elected official, hit all of the right notes in laying out a positive direction for the city, despite the current challenging times.

Of particular good news for Westland residents is his plan to develop five-year or 10-year models of the city financing, and urging every department head to take a businesslike approach in the development of their budgets.

This is something that every city in Michigan should be doing right now. Planning budgets—or at least trying to forecast them—five or 10 years out is the best way to ensure stable funding in an unstable environment. In short, the way it works is to take a look at the past five or eight years and use those figures to forecast things going forward. You then work to lock employees into long-term contracts that reflect that history. It's worked in the City of Northville and the City of Plymouth—where officials were able to climb out of a \$1.3 million deficit a few years ago and have been adding to the fund balance ever since.

We also like Wild's commitment to get some long standing programs off the ground and long-term issues resolved, such as the implementation of curbside recycling—a real possibility this year—and the beginning of the remediation of Central City Park. The long-term planning process for Ford Road will bring dividends, too.

This should serve as a shining example to municipalities everywhere. Government cannot continue to operate as usual. Everyone is suffering and government officials need to look to the bottom line as the plan ahead to try to improve things for the citizens and ease whatever burdens they can.

Something has simply got to give

Tuesday is the zero hour for the Northville Public School District.

June 10 is the date officials said they would decide on whether to privatize some of the school services as a way to reduce costs and preserve programs.

The first such contract to be contemplated is custodial services, a proposal that could save as much as \$1 million every year. That's a big figure, but the true value could be much higher for the district in terms of the quality of service they may lose. Would contracted workers care as much as district employees or would they just be clock watchers, there to skate by with as little work as possible in order to collect a paycheck every week?

These are the kinds of decisions that school districts across the state will have to face in the coming years. It's not just Northville. When I was up at Houghton Lake a week ago, there were stories in the paper up there about it; signs from con-

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It all comes down to a question officials have to ask no matter in what position they serve: is it personal or just business?

cerned citizens popped up along the winding roads: Don't Privatize Our School Family, they read.

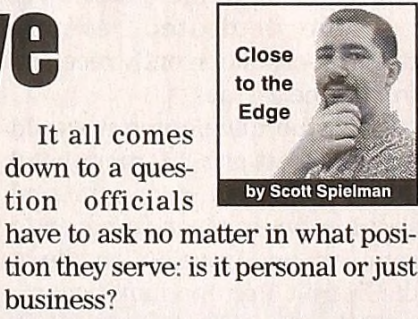
Northville school officials have taken heat for even investigating the plan. The way I see it, they're just doing their job—trying to provide the best educational experience for students.

I'm personally not in favor of privatization. I think the district will lose more in atmosphere than they'll save in hard money. But I'm not sure how much choice they have, as was evidenced in the reality of the budget presented last

week. They're losing pupils for the first time in 15 years. They face escalating costs they have limited control over. They're not going to save enough by cutting administrative salaries—a move that would reduce the quality of administrative candidates, too. They've not going to get concessions from unions after a contentious negotiation process that turned personal last year. They're not going to get help from Lansing, either—state legislators are already hedging on a promise to increase revenue sharing they promised city officials.

The money isn't there and something has to give.

This will no doubt be a contentious decision. I doubt anybody will be happy with it, no matter which way it goes. Employees may have to face lower wages—or no jobs at all—if the decision to privatize services is made. Parents may face larger class sizes, reduced services, longer bus trips—or all three—if it is not.



A brief trip down memory lane

It's hard to attend a high school graduation and not think about where you've been.

As I was attending the Northville High School 2008 commencement ceremony, trying desperately to make my digital camera recognize the low light setting, it was impossible not to be reminded of my own graduation, more than 15 years ago.

The speeches, first by Michigan Superintendent Michael Flanagan and then by Valedictorian Andrew Mills, carried the same kind of weight and hopeful melancholy that eluded me completely as a graduate.

What I remember most about my graduation day was how annoyed I was that my cap had to be pinned into place, messing up my tough girl

bangs and how hot I was in that shapeless black gown. I remember that all I really wanted to do was to cut out and go eat somewhere, to finally be free and done with school forever.

Still unconvinced about the benefits of higher education, my friends and I would smirk at each other and laugh as we passed one another; all certain that we would be famous writers, artists and actors long before any of us had to get a "real" job, a regular Bermuda Triangle of untapped artistic potential.

I wish I had paid attention.

Saturday night, while surrounded by parents and friends cheering for fellow graduates as they walked across that stage, breeching the

threshold into adulthood for the very first time, I realized how important these ceremonies are, and how precious. When Mills talked about how impossible it was to sum up the experiences of 10 years in the allotted 24 minute limit, it seemed to resonate just as deeply with parents as with students.

A kind of collective hush whispered around the stadium, something like "You couldn't possibly understand how true that is, but you will." Somewhere in there was a warning, and somewhere there was a blessing, and the fact that no one



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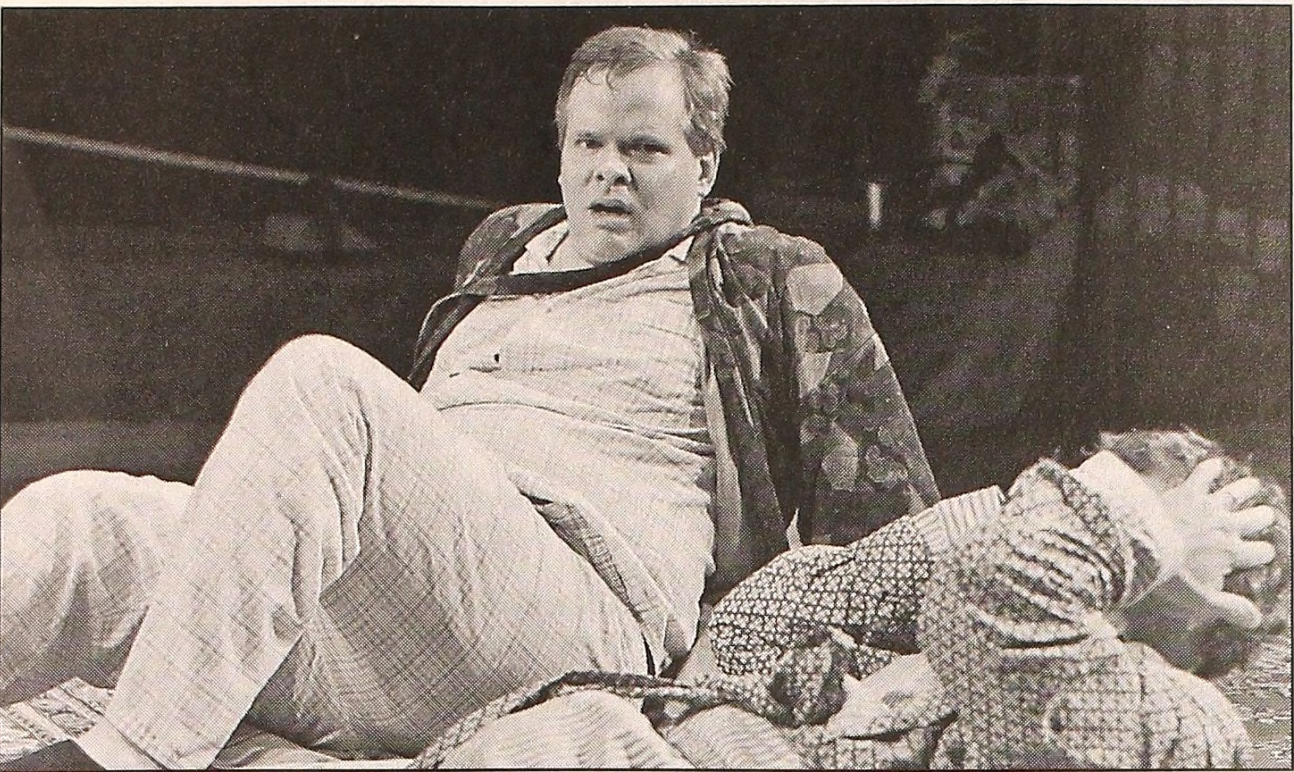


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The Tipping Point's popular comedy Don't Dress for Dinner returns June 12- 29, including original cast members Dave Davies and Loren Bass.

Instant 'Replay'

Crowds await to Tipping Point production

Jennifer Busch
Staff Writer

Revisiting the sell-out success of the inaugural production at the Tipping Point Theater in Northville, Marc Camoletti's Don't Dress for Dinner is enjoying a second run this month.

Tipping Point Marketing and Development Director Jennifer Steger said that the decision to rerun the popular comedy was a result of fortunate timing and overwhelming box-office demand.

"The show sold out very quickly the first time, and so many people who wanted to see it didn't get a chance to," Steger said.

"The actors are very excited to perform it again. I think they wanted to perform it longer before. We extended the show as much as we could, but couldn't extend it anymore without running into the next production."

The show, directed by Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton, takes place in modern day France, where a

wealthy married playboy, Bernard (Loren Bass), is planning a romantic retreat for his exacting mistress.

Blending the construct of a traditional comedy of manners with the broad, physical humor of a comedic spoof, Bernard's romantic tryst hits a snag when the weekend cook is mistaken for his mistress, the mistress is forced to cook, and his alibi, Robert (Dave Davies), turns out to be his wife's secret lover.

Comprised of the entire original cast, Steger said the show is a guaranteed crowd pleaser, with laughs that audience members can take home with them.

"In a way it's a comedy of manners, with a lot of mistaken identities and everyone trying to cover their tracks," Steger said.

"It's a cast of six, and there are times near the end of the play, when things are coming to a point and everyone is on the stage at once. There's a lot of physical humor. I still get phone calls to

this day from people who've seen the show and who laugh about something they remember from it. It's just hilarious."

After four productions that span suspense drama to musical, Steger said that creative variety seems to be working for the professional theater, and hopes that Tipping Point audiences continue to find many different reasons to visit.

"We've gotten a great response to our comedies, but we're probably going to stick to our original formula," Steger said.

"We think having one musical, one comedy, one drama and one farcical comedy lends a lot of balance to the season. That way there's something for everyone."

Don't Dress for Dinner will be showing at the Tipping Point Theater in Northville June 12-29.

Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, at 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$25 per person.

For more information call (248) 347-0003.

College campus offers summer activities

While summer may mean recess for many students, activities and events continue at the Belleville campus of Wayne County Community College District. From family events, to workshops and children's classes, the campus will remain busy during the upcoming weeks.

Cancer and You event this weekend

The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus will partner with the Oakwood Healthcare Systems to provide necessary information that people need to know about cancer.

The Cancer and You—Prevention and Early Detection workshop will take place on Saturday at the campus. Health care professionals and facilitators will discuss the available care for certain forms of cancer in workshops including cytogenetics detailing the risks based on family history. People are welcome to attend and listen to the information that may someday save a life, according to officials.

There will also be a breast cancer survivor story panel and presentation featuring photos of the Susan G. Komen 5K and the Three Day event. For more information, contact the school at (313) 496-2704.

Family Fun Day planned

The western campus will once again host the Family Fun Day on Aug. 9 at the school. Parents, children and their families are invited to participate in a day of fun, activities and entertainment, including games, seminars, presentations and book reading. For more information, call (734) 699-7008.

Children's 'medical school' offered

The western campus will offer several youth camps this summer for children including a children's medical school and a bookworm club.

The children's medical school—for ages 14-17—will take place from 10-11:55 a.m. on Saturdays from now until June 28. It will explore various medical professions and will investigate the link between science and medicine. Each student will be a part of a team and participate in mock medical rotation. The fee is \$20.

The bookworm club—for ages 6-11—will take place from 10-11:25 a.m. on Fridays from July 18 through Aug. 1. The class will teach children the importance of education, alleviate the problems of illiteracy and instill a love for reading at an early age, officials said. The beginners club—for ages 3-5—will take place from 10-11:25 a.m. on Fridays from now through July 11, which will promote reading, the understating of maps and the application of music to storytelling.

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Letters

Celebration is praised

To the editor:
Thank you very much for your support of our area's vets and our fallen brothers. Memorial Day is an emotionally difficult day for many people. The turnout at Canton's Veterans Memorial was huge and helped many, many people heal (including myself), and let them know they are not alone in their time of need. There were tears of sadness and of consoling.
This was the truest sense of community I

have ever seen. I overheard parents teaching their children what this memorial was about. I overheard veterans being welcomed home. I have never been more proud, nor more humbled, as vet or as a Canton resident. Many, many thanks to our wonderful citizens. A very heartfelt thanks to the Spencer Family who started this tradition. This is proof that just two people can make a big difference.
Semper FI!

Todd "Cac" Caccamo, Sgt., USMCR
Canton Township

Memories

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that age could ever tell the difference between the two is part of what makes this ceremony so poignant, and so eternal.

Commencement isn't just about completing a goal, one necessary to lead a productive, successful life especially in these changing economic times, but a torch passing of sorts, a well-wishing, a hope for a better tomorrow in it's most basic, evocative sense.

While I watched those new graduates pass

by, all wearing the same half-relieved, half-bored expression that I remember from 15 years ago, the one that said they were wishing the boring part was over so they could go ahead and get to the good stuff, it was hard not to feel a little wistful.

It was hard not to pull them each aside and tell them that this was part of the good stuff, or at least the beginning of it, and they should pay attention because it really does go so fast.

But then, that's a lesson no one ever learned through simple word of mouth.


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Unearthing history

Research uncovers secrets of area fondlers at cemetery

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's a small parcel of land that's barely visible from Michigan Avenue, but the Union Chapel cemetery contains a piece of area history.

So says Lisa Carter, a long-time Inkster resident who has spent the last three years unearthing the secrets of the cemetery as part of her graduate studies at Eastern Michigan University.

"I call the citizens buried here my people," said Carter, a history instructor at Henry Ford Community College who is working on a second master's degree in historic preservation.

"I can only hope that they are watching the research I've done, and I hope they're proud of what I've uncovered," she added.

That research, which Carter packaged into a 50-page Cultural Landscape Report, will be used to back up the effort to win a state historical marker for the cemetery, she said.

But the end point — Carter hopes — will be historic designation from the federal government, which should provide monies and resources that the Union Chapel Cemetery Association can use to restore, and protect, a piece of history.

Established in 1906

The roots of Union Chapel go all the way back to the early 1800s, when the Michigan Territory was settled.

In 1827, Bucklin Township, part of which later became the city of Inkster, was formed. Two years later, Bucklin was divided into Lima and Pekin townships. The township name was later changed to Nankin. After a few more divisions, Dearborn Township was founded.

It was there that James Wightman, one of the early area settlers, purchased 80 acres of vacant

land. Wightman's son, Hiram, sold a portion of that land to members of the Ruff family, who then sold the 1.83-acre parcel the cemetery sits on to Anthony Weithoff.

Once a family cemetery, other burials began taking place at the site around 1833, according to documents.

Carter, who spent countless hours of work following land deeds, historical documents, purchase agreements, census data and maps, said the history of the cemetery — and the people buried there — is endlessly fascinating.

"It was quite a Peyton Place, from what I can tell," she said.

The researcher uncovered a world made up of innovation and invention, spirit, work ethic, war and even espionage as the cemetery's history came into clearer focus.

"There are some colorful people here," she said. "Some of the aspects of their lives were surprising."

Interesting times

Robert Inkster — who founded Inkster — initially purchased a burial plot at Union Chapel, but later moved to Kalamazoo and was buried there, Carter said. But many other notable citizens were laid to rest at the cemetery.

Francis Ruff, who was born in 1795, fought in the War of 1812, and also spied on behalf of the United States.

However, an altercation with Chief Tonquish of the Pottawatomie Tribe led to an incident when a tribe member entered the home of a settler, and was bitten by a dog.

The Indians demanded that the dog's owner, John Sargent, kill the dog. Sargent refused, and was shot in the back.

A delegation of settlers, including Ruff, went after the Indians in what is now Westland. The chief and his son were killed, and eventually, Indian involvement in the area was stemmed.



Lisa Carter, a history instructor at Henry Ford Community College, worked for several months to document the history of Union Chapel Cemetery in Inkster.

Titus Dort, who occupies another grave, was a contractor for the U.S. Department of War that made bricks for the Dearborn Arsenal. He went on to become a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Michigan House of Representatives and later, the State Senate.

Aspects of Dort's grave are patented intellectual property, which may assist in obtaining historical designation, Carter said.

Alfred Churchill was 30 years old in 1862 when he joined the Michigan Calvary, but was accidentally killed later that year during a training exercise in Cedar Creek, Va.

Challenges today

Dolores Murley-Bailey said she thought she knew all of the cemetery's secrets.

"I learned things about the

cemetery that I never knew before," she said. "It's a wonderful report — I read it the first day I received it."

Still, there are significant issues — some of which face all cemeteries, and others, which are related to age of the headstones.

Many of the stones are cracked, and often times, family members are not living in the area, or decline to repair the headstones. Bailey said the association couldn't afford to underwrite repairs.

"We almost had one stone repaired, but (the contractor) wanted an enormous amount of money," she said. "We just couldn't afford it. . . we mow and keep up the space, but that's paid for using donations from the families of people buried there."

Vandalism isn't a huge problem, but several months ago, a stone was knocked over.

"My husband and son took a tractor over there and placed it back on its pedestal, but then it happened again," Murley-Bailey said.

Maintenance is performed by Murley-Bailey and her husband, Philip. The couple are both in their 70s.

Mayor Hilliard Hampton, who received a copy of Carter's report, said several weeks ago that the information she discovered is a valuable tool.

Though the cemetery is often obscured from view by businesses facing Michigan Avenue, Carter said she hopes residents come to see the burial ground as a jewel.

"I've lived here for more than 30 years," she said. "This is my city, and I've always loved living here. I want people to know that — good and bad — we have a rich history."



Rotary Club scholars

The Belleville Rotary Club recently awarded scholarships to 10 students. Five were first-time awardees and five were second year renewal awards. New scholarship recipients were: Kendall Acho, Jessalyn Graveldinger, Lacey Jo Marcott, Samantha McIntosh and Samantha Stamper. Second year renewal scholarship recipients were: Kelli Driscoll, Jillian Kroc, Cortney Mendez, Lynesha Richards and Michelle Woods. Jenni Marsh, director of office of financial programs honors college at Michigan State University, also shared her experiences as a Rotary exchange student in Ecuador and her perspectives on the need for students to develop global views and acquiring experience in their chosen fields while attending college. This was the 63rd year the club awarded scholarships to local students.

Fire investigation continues

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Westland officials said they're still investigating the cause of a fire that caused a partial closure of Marquette Road last Thursday.

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley said Westland firefighters received a call at about 11 a.m. reporting a fire in progress at a house on Marquette Road near Hanlon Road, just west of Wildwood Road.

The fire, which began in the attic area of the home, damaged the room and contents before it could be brought under control. Riley said officers from fire stations throughout the city were on-site for "a good couple hours"

responding to the incident.

"We also called for assistance from Garden City and Wayne," he said.

Some Westland firefighters remained at the home for even longer to handle the resulting fire investigation and board-up efforts, he said.

Marquette Road was closed down from about Wildwood to Hanlon for more than an hour to ease access to the site.

Riley said fire investigators were uncertain as to what sparked the blaze. Damage to the home was reported to be primarily caused by smoke and water. Most of that was contained to the upper level of the home. People were in the home when it caught fire, but no injuries were reported.

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CLARK, Marian Louise Hall died peacefully in her own bed on May 30, 2008. She was born March 29, 1913 in Argentine, Livingston County to the late Clark Hall and Bertha Hoffman. Marian was 95 years old. She graduated from Linden High School in 1931. She was preceded in death by her brother, Clark Marshall Hall in 2007. Marian is survived by her loving husband, J. Dewey Clark, whom she married on September 1, 1934. She was a homemaker and stay-at-home Mom to her five children. Survived by 1 son, Joel Clark (Lucinda) Plymouth, MI, 4 daughters: Barbara Reynolds (Don) Gladwin, MI; Carol Hisey (Jon) Charlevoix, MI., Brenda Pollack (Roger) Canton, MI, and Rhonda Hodgkins (Jeff) East Lansing, MI; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great granddaughters and 2 nieces and 1 nephew. She was a past member of the Eastern Star in Dearborn, MI. Services were held at The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI. Interment was at the Fairview Cemetery in Linden, MI. In memory of Marian, donations may be made to The Peoples Church or to the Burcham Hills Foundation, 2700 Burcham Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

cousins and other relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Harry Jones officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

PACHOLSKI, Diane, May 24, 2008 age 46 of Westland. Beloved wife of James. Dear daughter of William and Patricia (Markarian) Rosdoske and sister of Christine (Steve) Riddle. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Thursday, May 29, 2008, with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. The family requests memorials to the John Bolde Food Depot. Please post a note of condolence at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.



SANFORD, Gilbert Sr., age 72, died May 9, 2008. He was born June 29, 1935. Gilbert leaves to cherish his memory, three sons, Richard, David and Gilbert Sanford, Jr. and his daughter, Darlene, all of Patterson, New Jersey; one niece, Diane; a host of cousins, Estee Sanford, Horace Sanford, Wreather Sanford, Norman Sanford, Matilda Sanford, Doris Sanford and Susie Mae King, all of Jeffersonville, GA, Mary Powell of Macon, GA, Ethel Dowdell of Detroit, MI, Viola Powell, Catherine Pleas and a very special cousin, Eugene (Monica) Wimberly all of Inkster, MI, along with a host of other relatives and friends. Services were held at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Inkster, MI, with Rev. Hardy Johnson, Sr. officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

SPEZIA, John C., May 24, 2008 age 76 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Edna Reynolds Spezia. Dear father of Kathleen (Sol) Rothenberg, Deborah Fidler and Julie Leonetti. Grandfather of Jeffrey (Sarah) Rothenberg, Stephanie Rothenberg, Jacob Leonetti, Nathan Fidler and Anthony Leonetti. Services were held Thursday, May 29, 2008 at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, with Rev. Dick Bont officiating. Please leave a note of condolence at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.



WALLS, Gloria, age 81, died May 16, 2008. She was born December 11, 1926. She leaves to cherish her loving memories, her son Reginald Amerson; her grandchildren, Donald (Tia) Amerson, Tiffany Amerson and Valerie (Desmond) Bulger; 15 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery, Wayne, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

WILLIAMS, Agnes Irene, May 25, 2008 age 66 of Wayne. Beloved mother of Leonard Brian, Brian Keith and Keith Eric (Patricia). Dear sister of Leon Neal, Jr., Doris Jean Sanders, Lillie Viola Neal, Joann Neal, James Neal, Nelson Neal, Jerri Dean Gooch and Marjorie Neal. Loving Grandmother of Breanna and Keith Douglas Williams. Services were held Wednesday, May 25, 2008 at the UHT Funeral Home, Westland, with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West. Please leave a note of condolence at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.

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SPORTS



Northville junior catcher Sarah Rounsifer makes a diving catch to stall Farmington Hills Mercy's momentum in a Division 1 district championship game at Novi on Saturday. Northville won the game, 3-0. Photo by Jeff Novak

Northville softball wins district

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Lady Mustang softball team was on a mission Saturday en route to the school's first district championship.

In the end the Mustangs proved that they are as good as their 29-4 record indicates—everything from pitching to offense to defense clicked for Northville.

Northville only allowed one run in the two games against Farmington and Farmington Hills Mercy at Novi High School. Mercy was on the short end of a 3-0 shutout that earned the Lady Mustangs the championship.

Senior pitcher Allison Holmes faced 53 batters in the 14 innings only gave up six total hits and notched 17 strikeouts. In the title game against Mercy, she sat down 11 and only gave up two hits.

On the other side, junior catcher Sarah Rounsifer was a perfect 3-for-3 at bat with two singles, a double, an RBI and a run scored. Defensively, she made an amazing diving catch on a short pop-up bunt to stall Mercy's momentum in the third frame.

Senior Brittany Birdsall put the offense into motion in the third when she drilled a single to get on base. Senior Megan Hofmeister came in to pinch run for her and was knocked in on Rounsifer's double for a 1-0 lead.

Holmes drove in senior Kelsey Lewis from third on a single to make it a 2-0 ball game in the fourth. Senior Alexandra Kaszuba delivered a two-out RBI single to score Rounsifer from second in the fifth. That was enough for Northville to hang on for the crown.

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'Sweet' sensation Northville kickers capture crown

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Once the game reached the 100-minute mark, Jill Alumbaugh looked like she had enough.

With 9:36 left in the second overtime the exhausted Northville junior blasted a left-footed shot into Canton's goal to give the Mustangs a 1-0 victory—and the district title on Saturday.

"Yeah, it was sweet," said the short-on-words hero of the day. "I was dying; I was tired. Caroline Castelli made a sweet pass and I just scored. I actually used my left foot—I have a horrible left foot."

Horrible or not, she got the job done.

Castelli, a sophomore, battled the ball loose and sent it flying ahead for a waiting Alumbaugh, who raced past defenders. Canton senior goalkeeper Bryanne Belovary came out of the net to make a play, but Alumbaugh fired the quick shot to end the game.

"It could have been a bit less dramatic," said Northville Coach Ron Meteyer. "All of these 1-0 games, one-goal games are hard to deal with sometimes. (Canton) played good defense against us and dropped back like we expected they would. They had a good counter

attack and we had to watch out for that. In the end we just wore them down, I think. It was a tough game but we know that they aren't going to get any easier as we go along"

Belovary was stellar throughout; making key saves to blank Northville.

Her biggest stop came 16 minutes into the first half when she initially misplayed an awkward backward shot from Northville senior Sarah Stern. She chased down and dove on top of the loose, rolling ball just inches from the goal line.

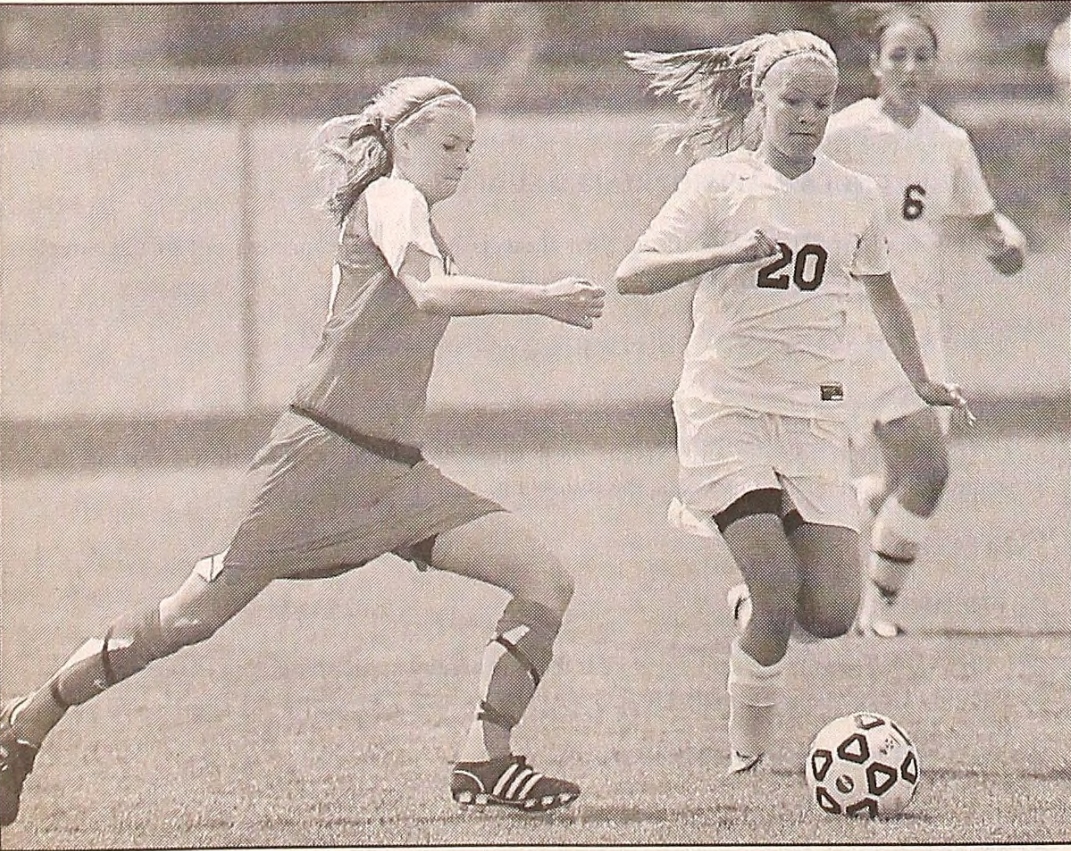
The contest turned into a defensive battle after that with both teams playing aggressively in the mid and defensive zones.

Although Alumbaugh scored the winning goal she would not have had the chance if it weren't for the stellar play of Northville sophomore keeper Elana Ryznar.

Ryznar made her biggest save of the season when she somehow spotted a rocket shot through traffic and laid out full to make the stop with just 1:22 into the first overtime period.

"She can do that," Meteyer said of the young goalkeeper. "That's the kind of saves she

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Northville junior Jill Alumbaugh (20) works against Canton's Megan Staub in a Division 1 district championship on Saturday. Alumbaugh scored the winning goal in second overtime period to send the Lady Mustangs to the regional tournament this week. Photo by Jeff Novak

Canton Chiefs earn championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The year was 1989 and first-year Canton Coach Mark Blomshield was a freshman at Bay City John Glenn High School the last time the Chiefs won a district championship.

The long wait is finally over and the Chiefs got what they deserved.

Canton held off a late charge in the seventh inning to beat host Salem, 5-3, in the championship game—and secure their first district crown in 19 years.

"I used that as motivation," Blomshield said of the 19-year hiatus between championships.

"I kept telling them that it was their time to get theirs. They listened and worked hard and did it."

Canton finished the regular season strong with a 19-10 overall record. They rode that momentum all the way through the district competition, beating another cross-campus rival, Plymouth, to get to the final bout.

Against Salem, the Chiefs led 3-0 heading into the sixth. Sophomore Kevin Delapaz added what would be the winning runs in the sixth when he dropped a double over the second baseman's head to score senior Matt Barlowski from third and sophomore Alex Dixon from second.

Delapaz was 3-for-4 he pitched a complete game for the win.

Salem countered at the top of the seventh, scoring all three of its runs, but Canton defense remained tough and held the Rocks at bay the rest of the way.

"Delapaz had a great day," Blomshield said. "He kept the ball down in the zone and got (batters) out in front. He helped his performance on the mound with the two-RBI double in sixth, which was key for us to win."

Senior Ryan Neu was also key at the plate. He slammed a two-run homer over the fence to give the Chiefs a 3-0 lead.

In the first game, Canton knocked Plymouth out of the tournament with an 11-6 blow.

Senior Ryan Tidwell pitched six and a third innings for the win.

"They always say that you are only as good as your pitching," Blomshield said. Tidwell is as good as you can get. He had a great game."

Canton scored five runs in the third to take a 7-4 lead after three innings. Neu had an RBI double in the second and finished a perfect 3-for-3 with four RBIs.

Tidwell hit a two-run homer in the sixth and finished 3-for-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored in the game.

This was the third meeting of the teams with Plymouth owning a 2-0 record against the Chiefs.

"We knew they were a good team and we were going to have to play a good game to try and beat them for a third time," said Plymouth Coach Chuck Adams. "Canton was able to capitalize with runners on base, which they didn't do in the first two games. They got the big hit when they needed it today."

Canton is scheduled to play Novi at Birmingham Seaholm at 10 a.m. on Saturday.



Canton junior Dan Stoney makes it back to first before Plymouth's Matt Priebe can tag him out in a Division 1 district semifinal at Salem on Saturday. Canton won the game, 11-6, and beat Salem 5-3 in the championship game to win its first district tournament in 19 years. Photo by Ken Garner.

Lady Tigers fall to Saline, 4-2

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The roller coaster season came to an end for the Belleville Lady Tigers Saturday, when they lost to Saline, 4-2, in district play at Temperance-Bedford.

Belleville struggled to find the right defensive and offensive line-ups all season and it showed on Saturday. The out-of-sync Tigers were forced to make another big change on defense the week before district play. Senior catcher Danielle Stabnau injured her thumb and was moved to third base so she could still be used in the batting order.

That put freshman Bridget Cole behind the plate to catch for her older sister, junior Samantha Cole.

That's something Belleville had faced all season.

"There was not one single position on the field that was played by one person the entire season," said Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis. "I think that hurt us. Bridget did a good job catching but I think it throws Sam off because she is so used to Danielle behind the plate."

Samantha Cole gave up an uncharacteristic 11 hits. Five were bunts or infield hits that were knocked down by the defense that the players couldn't get to and make plays, according to Curtis.

Cole finished with six strikeouts and one

walk.

Saline scored a run in the first and third innings for a 2-0 lead. Then with some controversial calls in the fifth, they added two more to take a 4-0 advantage.

Saline scored on a fly ball that looked to Curtis as if the runner left base early. The Hornets scored again on a passed ball that Curtis felt they got the runner out at the plate.

"I'm not saying that we didn't win because of the umpiring," Curtis said. "We just couldn't catch a break the entire game."

Belleville scored its two runs in the sixth. Samantha Cole scored freshman Symone Millet with a single and junior Angel Matthews drove in Stabnau to make it 6-2.

The Lady Tigers had an opportunity in the fourth with bases loaded and no outs but a double play and a groundout led to a scoreless inning.

"I'm a little disappointed this year," Curtis said. "I really thought we were going to be really good this year. I can't put my finger on exactly what it was. We just couldn't find the right combination all year."

Curtis said barring any surprises she will be back for her 31st year of coaching next year.

"As long as no one forces me out I'll be back," she said. "I still enjoy it and have fun. Next year we have both our pitchers back and a lot of young players coming up with a lot of travel experience."

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 12, 2008
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, Crova, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Excused: John Barden
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Administrative Aide
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
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1. Motion by Crova, Supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

08-136

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 5, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken,

08-137

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported Crout to approve the request to transfer ownership of 2007 SDM Licensed Business, located at 9899 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, from Janjua, LLC, to HHJE, Inc. Request ID #437613.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. Presentation Only.

08-138

4A, Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Marilyn Banks-Lackey.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-139

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of George Simko Sr., father to City Employee, George Simko Jr.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Braggs, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-140

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Chief Judge, Tina Brooks Green and adopt a resolution in support of the 34th District Court's adoption of the concurrent Jurisdiction Plan, Juvenile Cases in District Court Program (JCDC).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-141

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Kristin Irwin, Parks and Recreation Director, and award bid 07/08-22, for the purchase of playground slides for the Parks and Recreation Department to the lowest bidder, Miracle Michigan, in the amount of \$13,132.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-142

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway, Kristen Irwin, Parks and Recreation Director, and Thomas Wilson, DPW Director to award bid 07/08-23, for removal and replacement of the tennis court fence located in Elmer Johnson park to the lowest bidder, Industrial Fence and Landscaping, in the amount of \$13,091.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-143

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Carole elder, Director of Senior Services and legal counsel and to concur with the Administration to adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to execute the SMART Municipal & Community Credit Contracts for the Fiscal Years 2005/2007, and the current year 2007/2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-144

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Public Safety Director Charles Kirby and to concur with the Administration and adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Brownstown Firearms Range Agreement as presented. The agreement is valid for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-145

5F. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff pursuant to Section 0.4 of the Romulus City Charter, adopts the following Fiscal Year 2008/2009 General Appropriations Act for the City of Romulus and the 34th District Court which includes the appropriate millage rates:
CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A BUDGET PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009 AND MILLAGE RATES TO SUPPORT THIS BUDGET.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	74,720
MAYOR	438,004
LEGAL	355,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE	15,300
PUBLIC RELATIONS	14,900
CLERK	486,058
ELECTIONS	181,526
TREASURER	521,748
ASSESSOR	539,182

BOARD OF REVIEW	1,938
CITY OWNED PROPERTY	15,500
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	26,852
FINANCE	655,601
HUMAN RESOURCES	321,315
UNALLOCATED	350,544
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	899,525
POLICE	9,259,819
ORDINANCE	293,144
ANIMAL SHELTER	247,401
FIRE	2,513,273
EMERGENCY	
MANAGEMENT	102,022
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	278,677
BUILDING	1,191,939
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	138,125
DRAINS-AT-LARGE	126,500
BUILDING & GROUNDS	2,448,722
CEMETERY	101,530
RECREATION	755,552
LIBRARY	350,931
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	650
SENIOR SERVICES	244,221
UNRESOLVED CLAIMS	50,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 23,000,219

CONTINGENCIES 1,128,970

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES 24,129,189
General Fund cont....

REVENUES	
TAXES	10,903,705
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	248,350
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	681,500
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	3,948,104
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,829,123
MISCELLANEOUS	1,300,000
FINES & FORFEITS	3,000,000

TOTAL REVENUES 21,910,782

APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 2,218,407

TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 24,129,189

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	966,225
TRANSFER TO BEVERLY ROAD	159,295
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	346,802

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES 1,472,322

REVENUES	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	51,752
REIMBURSEMENTS & OTHER	2,500
STORM DRAIN INSPECTION FEES	20,000

STATE SHARED REVENUES 1,093,604

TOTAL REVENUES 1,167,856

APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 304,466

TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 1,472,322

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND 928,493

REVENUES	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	7,500
REIMBURSEMENTS	2,000
PERMITS AND FEES	30,250
STATE SHARED REVENUES	396,835
TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND	50,000
TRANSFER IN - MAJOR STREETS FUND	346,802

TOTAL REVENUES 833,387

APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 165,106

TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 998,493

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER 1,957,587

REVENUES	1,888,137
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	69,450
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,957,587

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION 197,523

REVENUES	154,250
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	43,273
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	197,523

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT 84,000

REVENUES	71,532
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	12,468
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	84,000

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING 415,809

REVENUES 448,159

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION 905,231

REVENUES 1,023,157

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 549,200

REVENUES	549,200
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SPORTS

Softball

FROM PAGE 9

“I am so proud of these girls,” said Northville Coach Teryn Chrzanowski. “They worked hard all year and they were able to reach their goal of being district champs. The seniors made a goal to walk into graduation with their jerseys on and they were able to.

“Allison pitched amazingly and the defense once again played solid,” she added. “Seven different players got hits, which shows it was a total team effort. The girls were focused and played the way I knew they could.”

Senior Jenna Dumbleton was a force on offense in the first game

against Farmington. She was a perfect 4-for-4 with two singles and two doubles to help lead Northville to a 4-1 victory.

Dumbleton scored from second on Birdsall’s single in the first inning for a 1-0 lead.

Holmes had another brilliant game. She faced 28 batters, only gave up four hits and struck out six. She backed up that performance with a two-run homer in the second frame to score senior Jamie Cotrone, who was on with a double.

Farmington scored its lone goal in the third to make it 3-1.

Senior Kelsey Whelan locked the game up in the sixth when she delivered a two-out RBI single to score Lewis.

Rounsifer, junior Mariel Wilson and Lewis each added singles.

“Jenna was seeing the ball great

today,” Chrzanowski said. “Eight different players had hits, so the team hit well as a whole and players came through with runners in scoring position. Allison pitched great and the defense played phenomenal.”

Northville is scheduled to play Plymouth at Birmingham Seaholm at noon on Saturday.

Plymouth softball wins district

The Plymouth Lady Wildcats won their district championship when they beat cross-town rival and Western Lakes conference champs Salem, 1-0, at Salem on Saturday.

Senior hurler Meghan Patterson only allowed Salem’s potent offense three hits.

Junior Beth Heldmeter scored the winning run for the Lady Cats.

Soccer

FROM PAGE 9

makes. She was right on that one and there were a lot of players in her way, too. She’s been stopping those kinds of shots all season.”

Northville must set their eyes to regional play that starts this week.

“It’s awesome,” Alumbaugh said. “We’re getting ready for Novi and that will be a good game. We beat them earlier this season but we’re going to have

to come to play and be sweet.”

Northville beat Plymouth, 1-0, on Thursday in the district semifinal game.

Sophomore Lauren Lokey scored the game-winner.

In the second time in a week, the Lady Mustangs beat Livonia Churchill. Stern and Lokey each netted a tally in the 2-1 pre-district bout last Tuesday.

Northville has a regional semifinal match with nemesis Novi at 5 p.m. on Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson. Results were unavailable at press time.

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SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

911 FUND	<u>530,400</u>
REVENUES	179,000
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	351,400
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>530,400</u>

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	<u>44,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>55,000</u>

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	<u>371,100</u>
REVENUES	521,000
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	-149,900
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>371,100</u>

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	<u>302,965</u>
REVENUES	309,708

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Building Authority Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE	<u>262,275</u>
REVENUES	261,775
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	500
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>262,275</u>

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	<u>8,884</u>
REVENUES	<u>106,000</u>

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	<u>131,980</u>
REVENUES	49,000
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	82,980
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>131,980</u>

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Senior Center Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SENIOR CENTER CONSTRUCTION	<u>398,930</u>
REVENUES	<u>398,930</u>

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Animal Shelter Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ANIMAL SHELTER CONSTRUCTION	<u>-0-</u>
REVENUES	<u>125,286</u>

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	<u>12,841,813</u>
REVENUES	<u>13,232,462</u>

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	<u>2,364,430</u>
REVENUES	2,277,879
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	86,551
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>2,364,430</u>

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	<u>677,476</u>
REVENUES	485,113
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	192,363
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>677,476</u>

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	<u>1,059,396</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,511,642</u>

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	<u>661,605</u>
REVENUES	589,780
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	71,825
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>661,605</u>

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Long

Term Disability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LONG-TERM DISABILITY SELF-INSURANCE	<u>15,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>16,700</u>

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Economic Development Corporation Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	<u>392</u>
REVENUES	<u>10</u>
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	382
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>392</u>

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>808,322</u>
REVENUES	752,963
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	55,359
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>808,322</u>

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II -	<u>16,727,661</u>
REVENUES	11,512,625
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	5,215,036
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>16,727,661</u>

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	4,146,000
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SECTION 30. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 31. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
SANITATION MILLAGE	0.9500
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	1.2724

SECTION 32. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

Approved: City Council Meeting 5/12/07

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-146

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Debbie Hoffman, Finance Director, legal counsel to authorize the mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract with Allard & Fish, P.C. for special bankruptcy counsel.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-147

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to schedule a study session to discuss a Cost Recovery Ordinance for Fire and Police responses to incidents on June 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Romulus Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-148

11A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed on Warrant 07-08 in the grand total amount of Four Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety Dollars and Zero Cents (\$444,590.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-149

11B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed on Warrant 07-08E (schoolboard election workers), in the grand total amount of Twelve Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and Zero Cent (\$12,295.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 12, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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